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ACTIVITY (AND ERRORS) AND CONVERTING SAME INTO A  
CANONICAL FORMAT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the following remarks and amendment prior to reviewing the above application on its merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

**Please replace the paragraph entitled "Cross Reference to Related Application" with the following paragraph.**

**RELATED APPLICATION**

This patent application is a Continuation application, under 35 USC § 120, of U.S. application serial no. 09/665,270 filed on September 19, 2000, which incorporates by reference U.S. application serial no. 09/665,267 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,640,217) and U.S. application serial no. 09/665,269, both of which were filed on September 19, 2000.